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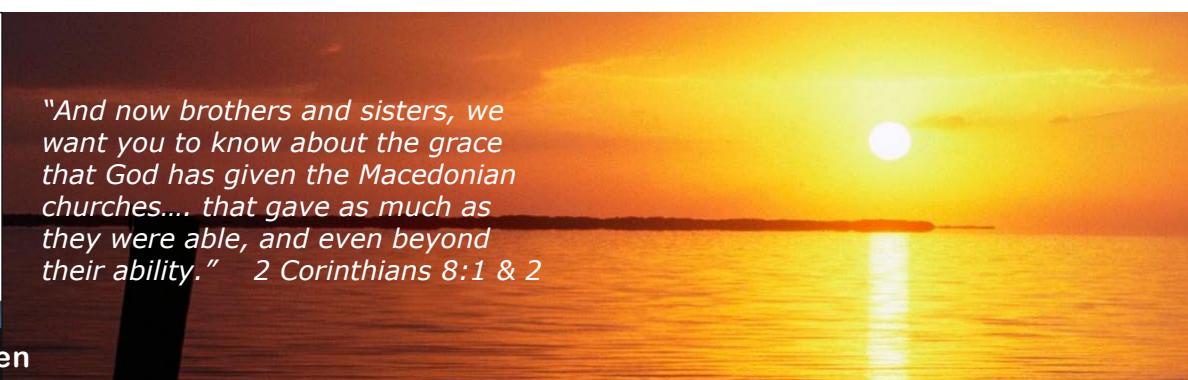
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Pastor's Perspective...



by Pastor Dan Hansen

"And now brothers and sisters, we want you to know about the grace that God has given the Macedonian churches.... that gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability." 2 Corinthians 8:1 & 2



1) On starting my 20th year here...

It's hard to believe but January 1 I'll be starting my 20th year. Time flies when you're having fun! Our weekend attendance has grown over five-fold from the 90 or so of us who worshipped in the old sanctuary, and staff has grown from just me to 10 of us on staff now— five who are full time. I remember running notes over to Sally Beckner's house where she'd type up the bulletin and then run it downtown to Daily Office Supply for printing! Thanks from the bottom of my heart for all the encouragement and grace throughout these years—I've learned a lot! Truly you have demonstrated what it means to be the "Body of Christ."

2) On our ministry this fall...

We have so much to be thankful for once again. I'm sure you've noticed how packed we've often been on Sunday mornings—especially at the 11:00 service. Who would have thought when we moved into our

new sanctuary less than five years ago, that we'd be crowded again so soon? Studies indicate that once a worship space becomes more than 80 percent full, it discourages attendance. What a happy problem! We'll have to be thinking and praying about ways to maximize the worship (and ministry) space God has blessed us with. But most of all, it's just exciting to see good ministry happening as people are growing in the faith and reaching out to one another in times of need.

3) On our building expansion and some "seed" ideas...

As we approach the end our second year in the expansion of our new education wing, I continue to give thanks for the new ministry opportunities it has afforded us with our award-winning library and reading room; our increasingly busy youth room full of youth (and now young moms on Wednesdays!), our prayer shawl ministers, our growing confirmation

classes, our new TIM Team High School Helpers on Wednesday nights, Boy Scouts on Tuesdays, Girl Scouts on Thursdays, etc. Who knows, maybe we'll even have some sort of preschool someday. Lord knows, we have plenty of kids in this church who probably go to preschool various places.... perhaps we can help serve in that way.

Interestingly, as we've focused on our new spaces, we haven't focused as much attention on how we might use (and fix up...remodel...hint?) our fellowship hall. It's a joy for me to see it used three times a week for the ministry of the Rio de Agua Viva Church, but quite frankly, it's often empty and it could use somewhat of a "face-lift." Could we dress up the north end of our fellowship hall "Starbuck's style" to "lure" more folks for fellowship in there on Sunday mornings, and to perhaps "decongest" the narthex somewhat? If we fixed it up a bit and made it more of an attractive space, would people want to use it more for meetings and gatherings and receptions? Just some "seed" thoughts.

4) *On our 2008 planning and what "first-fruits" means...*

Our annual Budget Hearing will be held at 9:15 on Sunday, Dec. 2 in the Fellowship Hall, followed by adult Sunday school classes. We need your input. Although it is no secret that I have often "led the charge" regarding the growth of our "first-fruits" giving through the years, it seems to me that perhaps we've gone as far as we can go for now, and that the new challenge is to encourage members to practice "first-fruits" giving to the church. In other words, while we've been very successful in growing our "first-fruits" percentage as a congregation, we've been less successful in teaching members to grow their "first-fruits" giving to the ministries of the church.

Often people think that "first-fruits" means tithing; the giving of the first 10-percent of our income or "harvest." But more broadly speaking, "first-fruits" giving is simply when we give the "first" of our "fruits" of our labors; and perhaps that's 2 percent or 5 percent or 10 percent or more. Cindy and I give well over 10 percent for our "first-fruits," but not all of our "first-fruits" goes to the church; we're supporting five Compassion International kids, our church colleges, etc. In summary: "first-fruits" giving is the opposite of "left-over" giving, where we give to ministry the "leftovers" of what God has given to us. "First-fruits" giving is when we put "first things first." As you know, that takes faith! I've often said, "Stewardship isn't multiple-choice where we give our time OR our talents OR our treasure. If stewardship were "multiple-choice," then surely Jesus would have told the poor widow to keep her money and just sweep the temple. But instead, he lifts up her generosity as a model for his disciples... and we trust that God was faithful in providing for her needs.

Someone asked at council last night; "How did we get to 20 percent "first-fruits" as a congregation?" Here's the answer: we didn't jump to 20 percent, we GREW it there one percent at a time! I remember very clearly that first council meeting many years ago when the "first-fruits" proposal first came up. "We can't do that---we need to make sure our own needs are met first!!!!" Let me tell you, there was MUCH fear and trepidation! But guess what, we took the leap of faith and indeed our "cup of blessings runneth over" as a congregation so that the Outreach budget is now larger than the entire budget of many ELCA congregations. Ed Broestl and Susan Moller pointed out to council last night that the average giving in our congregation is about 2.4 percent of our Boulder County mean income. Here's the challenge: Can we, as members, try to grow our giving by a percent each year--much as the church has done? It takes faith! Consider this: someone pointed out the other day that if every family at FCLC could sacrifice 2 lattes a week for the sake of "extra-mile giving," (370 giving units (families/single/youth) X \$6.00 of lattes/week = \$2,220.00/week X 52 weeks/year = \$115,440!!!!) we could easily call a youth pastor and expand staff appropriately.

Final approval for the 2008 budget will be solicited at our Annual Meeting at 9:15 on Sunday, Jan. 6 in the Fellowship Hall (again followed by our adult Sunday school classes). We'd love to have you attend these meetings and give us your feedback regarding our ministry plans. (And we hope that Pastor Bruce doesn't step out for coffee and miss the whole meeting like two years ago...ha!)

5) *On our Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Services...*

Christmas Eve is on a Monday this year, so we'll be celebrating the birth of the Christ-child at 3:00, 5:00, and 7:00 with our Candlelight Communion services. It's hard to believe this will be our fifth Christmas in our new sanctuary! Although the Broncos will once again be playing at 2:15, we are hopeful for another fairly even distribution of worship attendance similar to 2005 where we had 280, 319, and 348 respectively. Christmas is a great time for evangelism/outreach; please invite your friends and neighbors. We are looking forward to the joy of worshiping the Christ-child once again!

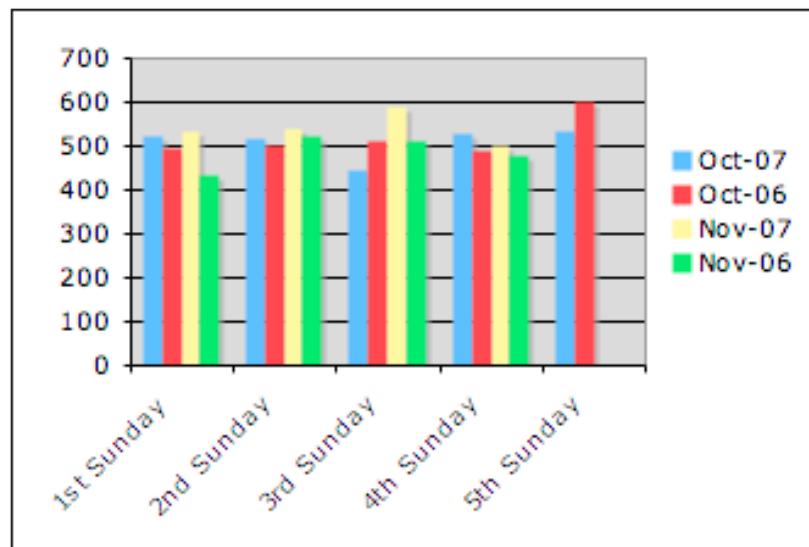
Your partner in ministry,
Pastor Dan



Attendance

Worship Attendance

	Oct-07	Oct-06
1st Sunday	524	497
2nd Sunday	514	502
3rd Sunday	445	511
4th Sunday	528	491
5th Sunday	534	598
	Nov-07	Nov-06
1st Sunday	534	431
2nd Sunday	538	523
3rd Sunday	590	510
4th Sunday	500	479



December

December 1
Jeff & Teresa Stamp—24 yrs

December 10
Rob & Kayla Smith—30 yrs

December 11
Mike & Lisa Smith—25 yrs

December 14
Scott & Libby Erie—16 yrs

December 15
Perry & Anita Willson—34 yrs

December 17
Irving & Almina Ringdahl—57 yrs

December 18
Harlan & Janelle Olson—42 yrs
Rob & Sue Ney—13 yrs

December 20
Robert & Wilberta Fagler—47 yrs

December 22
Tom & Marilee Gruenberger—39 yrs

December 23
Larry & Debbie Polsdofer—30 yrs
Dave Mathiesen & Brenda Shelton—12 yrs

December 27
Jim & Judy Conradson—32 yrs
Scott & Sue Bachman—27 yrs
Mike & Terri Cogdill—21 yrs

December 28
Cliff & Trisha Stewart—9 yrs

December 29
Steve & Carole Freeman—44 yrs
Bob & Claire Danos—26 yrs



January

January 1
Mike & Rhea Hoops—15 yrs
Dan & Peggy Gaither—3 yrs

January 5
Terry & Laurel Schemmel
Mike & Nikol Olson—17 yrs

January 9
Larry & Diane Vinaske—24 yrs

January 12
Rod & Kassandra Bowman—1 yr

January 19
Greg & Leah Rinard—14 yrs

January 28
Peter & Debbie Raemer—2 yrs
Steve & Denise Lauerman—4 yrs

FCLC Christian Education News



You're invited to the Sunday school "Angel Open House"

Kids, remember to invite Mom or Dad to attend with you!

Sunday, Dec. 9, 9:45-10:45 am

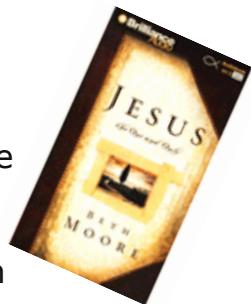
Experience Angels as we have in Sunday school! Hear the songs, taste the foods, play the games and hunt for the clues. Activities begin in the sanctuary.

Thursday morning women's Bible study begins a new study on Jan. 10, 9:30-11 am (meets weekly in the Sunset Room)

***Jesus the One and Only*, by Beth Moore**

Come along with Beth Moore on a life-changing journey which will lead you through the hills of Galilee with the Teacher, across the lake with the Master, and finally, on the road toward the cross with the Savior. This in-depth study includes personal workbook study, group discussion and optional video sessions (viewed from 10:30-11 am each week) taped on location in Jerusalem and throughout Israel. Cost of workbook, \$15.

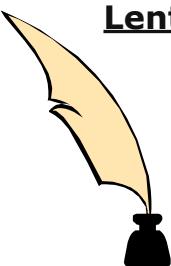
Order deadline: Dec. 16



Lenten Devotional

It's only December, but now is the time to volunteer to write a devotion!

We need writers for the 46 devotions to be included in FCLC's own Lenten Devotional. The deadline for completed devotions will be Jan. 20. As in the past, scripture passages and writing guidelines are provided. Please contact nanette@fclc.org by **Dec. 30**, if you are interested.



One Book, One Faith Community Lutheran Church:

***Gilead: A Novel* by Marilynne Robinson**

"The narrator, John Ames, is 76, a preacher who has lived almost all of his life in Gilead, Iowa. He is writing a letter to his almost seven-year-old son, the blessing of his second marriage. It is a summing-up, an apologia, and a consideration of his life. Robinson takes the story away from being simply the reminiscences of one man and moves it into the realm of a meditation on fathers and children, particularly sons, on faith, and on the imperfectability of man."



Place your order for *Gilead* now! Wrap the book for Christmas! Read the book in January. Join a one-time book discussion group with other adult FCLC members during the month of February. Discussion groups will take place on a Saturday morning, an evening and a morning ... your choice. **Order deadline: Dec. 16**. Cost: \$11. For more info, contact nanette@fclc.org

P.O.T.s (Parents Of TeenS) will resume in January!

Meet with other parents of teens on Wednesdays, January 9, 16, 23, and 30, 7:30-8:30 pm.

Book to discuss: *Let Me Tell You What Your Teens Are Telling Me* by Blaine Bartel

Cost for the book: \$10

Deadline to order: December 2Questions? nanette@fclc.org**Great Dates Couples Bible Study begins a new study!****Saturday, Jan. 12, 6:30-7:30 pm at church.****Communication: Key to Your Marriage, by H. Norman Wright**

In this video series, marriage and family counselor Dr. H. Norman Wright goes beyond talking about the differences in the way men and women communicate and shows you how to do it! Whether you've been married for years or plan to be soon, this series will help you understand each other at a new and deeper level. No book to buy; come, view the video, and discuss.

Babysitting will be provided at the church, if needed. Please contact nanette@fclc.org by Jan. 1, if you would like the nursery staffed.

Christian Education Dates to Remember in December and January

Check the online calendar link at www.fclc.org for up-to-date information and weekly Bible study opportunities!

December 1	10:00-11:00 am	Sunday school Workshop Leaders' Training
December 9	9:45-10:45 am	Sunday school Angel Open House
December 16		<u>Deadline to order all sorts of books and Bible studies. See above.</u>
December 17	7:00-8:30 pm	Weavers of the Cloth
December 23		NO SUNDAY SCHOOL
December 26		NO CONFIRMATION
December 30		NO SUNDAY SCHOOL
December 30	9:00-11:00	Blood Pressure Checks! Fireside Room
December 30	8:30-Noon	Bonfils Blood Drive
January 2		NO CONFIRMATION
January 6	9:45-10:45 am	Sunday school resumes
January 9	6:00-7:15 pm	Confirmation resumes
January 9	7:30-8:30 pm	P.O.T.s Bible Study begins
January 10	9:30-11 am	<i>Jesus the One and Only</i> Bible Study begins
January 12	6:30-7:30 pm	Great Dates Bible Study begins
January 20		Lenten Devotions Due!
January 28	7:00-8:30 pm	Weavers of the Cloth
January 27	9:00-11:00 am	Blood Pressure Checks!

GOT QUESTIONS?Director of Christian Education: Nanette Goings, nanette@fclc.org

Education Chairperson:

Awesome out-going Christian Education Chairperson, 2004-2007 Rhea Hoops, hoopsrd@msn.comMary Konicek, Christian Education Chairperson, 2008-2009, marylarrykids@aol.com

Outreach News

Outreach Focus for December

The holidays are here and FCLC is again supporting the St. Vrain Community's Holiday Basket Program. This is a great program that provides a holiday ham, toys, and bicycles for low-income families in our area. Website: http://www.stvraincc.org/Holiday_Basket.html

The "Giving Tree", located in the narthex, has "Angel Tags" on it for the congregation to take and purchase toys and/or clothing for kids. Please be sure to place your unwrapped toys/clothes donations (\$30 limit) under the tree by Monday, Dec. 10. All the collected items will be distributed to families on Saturday, Dec. 15 at Boulder County Fairgrounds. If you're interested in helping with the distribution (Dec 10-15), please contact the Volunteer Connection at 303-444-4904. Also, if you're able to help collect and deliver items to the Fairgrounds, please contact Karen Odegard (lkodegard@msn.com)

New & Used Bicycle Donations

Drop off bikes at High Gear Cyclery or Bike-n-Hike in Longmont. Distribution is on Friday, Dec 14.



Homeless Outreach

\$5 Food Card Challenge

(To be distributed on Sunday, Dec. 16) As you sit at a stoplight, do you feel awkward seeing a homeless person with a sign asking for help? Overcome your fears by keeping food cards in your car to hand out to those in need. The FCLC Outreach Committee will be providing a limited number of \$5 Food Cards (to McDonald's and Wendy's) to FCLC members for this purpose. A "Resource Card" will also be provided for handing out to the homeless. We hope this will help you get started in a good habit of reaching out to those in need!



ELCA Good Gifts: *care for the world's hungry*

Step forward as a public church that witnesses boldly to God's love for all that God has created.
- ELCA Strategic Direction -

ELCA Good Gifts—Going on NOW!

Are you struggling to find the perfect gift for that special person in your life that has everything? Why not buy 10 chicks in his/her name to help fight world hunger? This gift-giving program is setup for you to be able to "make a difference" and donate to various ELCA ministries including World Hunger, Global Missions, and Disaster Response. You can "buy gifts" at the Outreach Corner (SW corner of narthex) starting Dec. 1 or you can make your selection from either the ELCA Giving Catalog (mailed to you) or go online to: www.elca.org/goodgifts.

Some gifts are just better than others.
Some gifts make a difference in the world.

ELCA Good Gifts

Make a difference in a very tangible way.
Honor a loved one. Celebrate a special day.
Select a special gift to be given instead of one more "thing."

\$16 buys an eye exam in a rural community.
\$25 will purchase a goat to help a hungry family in Asia.
\$7-\$10 provides a week of meals for a child with AIDS in Africa.

Your gift will always be the right size!

Good Gifts are available now in the narthex!

Love is a gift!



Special Offerings – Used for Outreach Activities

The Special Offerings from the Thanksgiving Service and Christmas Services will be designated to ELCA Good Gifts and Habitat for Humanity, respectively. This means that 20 percent of all offerings collected on that day will be sent directly to the organization that was selected by the Outreach Committee. These two organizations were selected to bring awareness to their good cause, especially during the holiday season!

Good News for Habitat for Humanity

Exciting news... Habitat for Humanity of the St. Vrain Valley has just been awarded a Thrivent Build Grant. This means that Thrivent Financial for Lutherans will be sponsoring a house to be built in 2008 and thus be putting up 65 percent of the costs to build the house. In order to receive this \$107,250 Thrivent Grant, the local Lutheran churches will need to donate 10 percent of the build costs (\$15k). The plan is for the house to be built in the second half of 2008, so this is when the local Lutheran community really needs to pull together to not only get the money donated but to get in the required number of volunteer hours.

**** Don't forget that the Outreach Committee will be having a meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 11 at 6:30-8pm at the church! Part of the meeting we will be discussing FCLC Outreach giving and budget line items. If you have a charity or mission that you think FCLC should partner with, please email the information to Tami Musfeldt (tami.m@comcast.net) by Monday, Dec. 3.**

THANK YOUS

A special thank you goes out to all those who helped with the Habitat for Humanity lunch and workday on Saturday, Nov. 17.



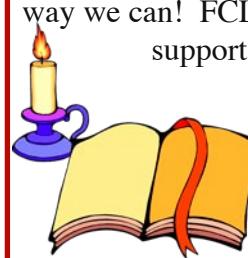
This project wouldn't have been successful without the help of *Veta Hartman, Ewald and Kathe Schelert, Donna and Ron Wormke, Jeff Bladt, Cliff Jensen, Duane Sharp, Kayla Smith, Staci Keller, Stephanie Demosthenes, Marky Johnshoy, Holly Lehnert, and Renee McDermid*.

FCLC congregation is truly amazing and the Outreach committee feels very blessed to have such support. We collected 62 used Bibles from the October Bible Drive and donated them all to Shekinah Ministries. They are grateful for this generous donation. As a part of Prison Ministry Outreach, 40 new Bibles were also donated to Shekinah Prison Ministries as well as DWCF New Beginnings ELCA church.

A BIG Thank You to the entire congregation for donating \$471 to send Bibles to the troops in Iraq. With the Outreach matching, a total of \$821 has been sent to the International Bible Society to purchase and ship 235 Bibles to Iraq. What a wonderful way to share the Word... made possible by **YOU!**

Seminary Scholarship Fund

Are you considering serving the Lord by going into the Seminary? We want to support you in any way we can! FCLC Outreach has a fund setup to support students attending Seminary.



Please contact the Outreach Committee (outreach@fclc.org) if you're interested in the application process for tuition reimbursement

Missions Fund

Will you be going on a Mission Trip in 2008? FCLC Outreach has a fund setup to help give you the support you need. Please contact the Outreach Committee (outreach@fclc.org) to setup a presentation date.

Outreach for 2008

January is just around the corner. The Outreach Committee has a lot planned for the New Year. Mark your calendar for some upcoming volunteer opportunities. All of these projects rely heavily on the generous help of many volunteers. We are very grateful for all those who help.

We will be serving lunch at the OUR Center at least four times this year where we need six-eight volunteers. Four other times during the year, we will need 10-15 volunteers to help pre-make and serve lunch to the workers at Habitat for Humanity. Lastly, we hope to have a couple Habitat for Humanity "workdays" (8 am-4 pm) which Ewald Schelert (schelert@mesanetworks.net) will be organizing. If you have questions or are able to help with any of these projects, please contact the appropriate FCLC volunteer coordinator. Also, if there are other projects you'd like to have us get involved with, please contact Tami Musfeldt (tami.m@comcast.net).

Mark your calendars for the 2008 dates:

OUR Center Lunch Serving-- Saturdays from 10am - 2pm

- ★ Saturday, Feb. 23
- ★ Saturday, April 26
- ★ Saturday, June 21
- ★ Saturday, Oct. 4

Contact Tami Musfeldt (tami.m@comcast.net)

Habitat for Humanity Lunch Pre-make/Serve -- Saturdays from 11am - 1pm

- ★ Saturday, Jan. 26
- ★ Saturday, March 15
- ★ Saturday, July 19
- ★ Saturday, Sept. 20

Contact Veta Hartman (hartmanv@comcast.net)

"Mission Outreach Journeys" - Jan. 26-27

In 2007 the congregation at FCLC gave direct support to a handful of people to go on Mission Trips. This same mission trip support is available for 2008 by contacting the Outreach committee. Below is a list of 2007 Mission Trips. A couple of people will be sharing their "mission journeys" and experiences during the services on the last weekend of January... don't miss it!

March 2007: Group of six from FCLC – Mission trip to New Orleans (and Grace Lutheran)

April 2007: Cherlyn Pizza's Mission trip to Peru

June 2007: Ewald and Kathe Schelert's Mission trip to Turkey

October 2007: Craig Hovick's Mission trip to Cambodia

Good Samaritan Fund

Did you know that Faith Community Lutheran has a Good Samaritan Fund? This fund was set up several years ago with the purpose to provide direct emergency financial assistance to people in need.

It is aimed towards helping those attending FCLC who need a little extra help or are in a time of a disaster (lost job, accident, fire, etc). Money from the fund is also used to help people who are sponsored by an FCLC member or someone referred by a local non-profit organization. Currently a portion of the incoming offering goes to this fund, but all members are welcome to contribute to it anytime (just designate your gift to go to the "Good Samaritan Fund"). For questions about the application process, please contact Susan Moller (susan@fclc.org)



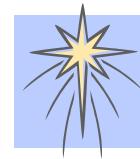
LIBRARY NOTES FOR A SEASON

Time Out!

The all-too-short days of December whirl away in a hectic round of shopping, baking, mailing gifts, listening to 'all I want for Christmas' from excited children, planning for visits of scattered family members ... or for visits to those loved ones at Christmas. Weariness and long to-do lists don't contribute to calm sense of wonder, peace, and joy at the enormous significance of Advent and the Gift of Christmas. Schedule a few time outs! Browse FCLC's library and choose some Advent time-out material for the family to read or watch and enjoy!



new Christmas stories



The Visit of the Wise Men, by Martha Jander.

The wise men worship Jesus after their long journey, but don't return to tell Herod where the 'new king' is.

Christmas Night Fair and Bright, by Julie Stiegemeyer.

From Jesus' birth surrounded by the curious sheep and donkey to the later hurried journey to Egypt at the angel's warning to Joseph.

The Light of Jesus, by Dandi Daley Mackall.

From the glorious light of creation to the soft light of the stable and shining angels above the shepherds, from the guiding star to the light of the risen Savior.

Sing Glory, Glory! Jesus is Born!

A board book for little fingers tells the story of Christmas eve.

The Ballad of Matthew's Begats, by Andrew Peterson.

Just for fun, the book and its sing-along CD show an unlikely family tree from 'Abraham had Isaac' to 'Joseph, the husband of Mary, the mother of Christ.'

-- and many, many more old and new picture books of the Christmas story.

Merry Christmas, Merry Crow, by Kathi Appelt.

A busy crow flies around town picking up all kinds of discarded items and uses them to create a beautiful Christmas tree.

Watch for the Light : Readings for Advent and Christmas.

Meditations by familiar inspirational authors.

Expecting the Unexpected: An Advent Devotional Guide, by Blair Meeks.

The Red Gloves Collection: Four Novels, by Karen Kingsbury.

Gideon's Gift -- Maggie's Miracle -- Sarah's Song -- Hannah's Hope.

Each short novel tells the impact of the Christmas story on a life needing hope.

What the Land Already Knows: Winter's Sacred Days, by Phyllis Tickle.

Advent thoughts from the farm in Tennessee.

Esther's Gift: A Mitford Christmas Story, by Jan Karon.

The Mitford Snowmen: A Christmas Story, by Jan Karon.

There's always a special loving spirit at Christmas in Mitford, N.C.

One Incredible Moment: Celebrating the Majesty of the Manger, from the writings of Max Lucado.

Stories Behind the Best-loved Songs of Christmas and *Stories Behind the Great Traditions of Christmas* by Ace Collins.

Stories to bring a deeper meaning to our familiar hymns, carols, and customs to each member of the family.



if not this year, next??

Sighing for a simpler, more meaningful Advent season. These books might give you some ideas to explore.

Creating Christmas Memories: Family Traditions for a Lifetime, by Cheri Fuller.

101 Ways to Have a Christian Christmas, by Brenda J. Verner.

Hundred Dollar Holiday: The Case for a More Joyful Christmas, by Bill McKibben.

MISSION JOURNEY TO LIBERIA, AFRICA



Todd and Tyger Penson will be leaving Longmont on Jan. 1 for a month long mission work project in Liberia, Africa. They will be part of a group of workers from the Upper Susquehanna Synod, ELCA (in Pennsylvania). While in Liberia, they will be stationed at Totota where they will be working on the construction of a theological library and the cataloging and stacking of newly donated theological books. There is also a possibility that one or both of them will be teaching at the Lay Theological School located there.

They look forward to seeing friends in Liberia since they lived in Liberia from 1987-1990. They left the country three months after the civil war broke out.

They will also have an opportunity to travel to Gbonyea, a rural village, with Rev. Anthony Mulbah. This is the site of the school that is being constructed with funds from the Endowment Fund of FCLC. They will have a chance to meet the teachers, see the progress that is being made, and take pictures to bring back to FCLC.

Please keep them and their mission in your prayers. They will return to Longmont Jan. 31.



Fellowship Happenings...

Cookie and Recipe Exchange!

Mark your calendars for Saturday, Dec. 8, 1-3pm, and join us for a cookie (recipe) exchange! Come with two-three dozen of your favorite holiday cookies, bars, or candies AND copies of the recipe. Enjoy the fellowship of others, sample the sweets (and tea/coffee, of course) and select recipes you'd like to take home and try for the holidays. You may even be able to take a few treats home, too! Sign up on the poster in the narthex! Contact Mary Hyder (970-535-4190) or Sally Meier (sallyjmeier@yahoo.com or 303-938-8680) for more information.

Lenten Soup Suppers:

We're building a team of helpers for Lenten soup suppers, which begin Wednesday, Feb. 6, 2008. If you can help in any capacity, please email Sally at sallyjmeier@yahoo.com or call 303-938-8680. Volunteer opportunities include:

1. Preparing soups
2. Cutting up fruit and vegetables
3. Tearing down tables and setting up the room for Rios de Agua Viva
4. Taking home linens to wash

Other Opportunities:

What one small group activity do you want to see happening at Faith? The number of activities could be as numerous as we have volunteers to own ONE SMALL thing. Some ideas:

1. Family or adult bowling night
2. Longmont Theater outing
3. Group to play cards (anyone play canasta?)
4. Skiing outings
5. Hiking club
6. Bronco club, to watch games together

What will you volunteer to do for us? We'd love your help!

December/January

FL.Y. Pages**Youth Sunday! DECEMBER 2!**

By the time you read this, our Youth Sunday may have come and gone.

Plans began in late October. The goal was have the youth dream/prepare and lead a weekend of worship from beginning to end. Many thanks to all the youth who have worked hard putting their thoughts and time into this inspirational service. God is good and having the youth show us and tell us how God has been working in their lives is amazing!

SNS for Highschoolers!**Saturday Dec. 1 and Jan. 5!**

These evenings are a great time to catch up with one another and build on friendships/ relationships that are growing! God calls us into fellowship with each other and this is a great opportunity! So if you have missed some of the "happenings" with the youth group, stop in at Stovers' house at 2408 Mapleton Circle (303- 776-6717) around 7pm on either night and spend some quality time with your peers!

TIM TEAM UPDATE**December dates:**

Wednesday's Dec. 5, 12 and 19 will be program nights for you. We will meet at 6pm to coordinate plans for each week. Beginning Jan. 9 the WNL kids will begin practices on the musical "Praise Rocks!" We are in need of five of you to help out in different areas of this production.

Please connect up with Diane if this interests you. This production will run through March with production dates on April 12-13. Following this, there will be five more WNL nights. Any ninth- or tenth-grader can join this team at any time (just contact Diane).



by Diane Sell

Middle School Events in December and January!**Sunday Dec. 16**

What: Christmas Caroling Longmont!

Time: 6pm meet at the church

We will travel via vans and cars to homes of members in our congregation to bring a little "yuletide" (what is that anyway?) then we will end up at Sam Schaff's house for a Christmas party! Please sign up on the Youth Board Today!

Middle School Youth Gathering~

When: Jan. 11-13th

Where: Colorado Springs

Theme: "All about We."

Cost: \$125

The signup has been on the Youth board since the end of September for this memorable event. Diane has now taken it down. We have 12 students and four adults going. If you are interested in joining us... Diane needs to know NOW! Deposits will go into the synod the first part of December to get our spots! The deadline is now! Last chance! Don't miss this!

Senior High Events in December and January!**Christmas Gathering!**

When: Thursday Dec. 20

Where: to be announced

Time: 7-10pm

Bring: a favorite Christmas memory to share

Come share pictures of this past year, eat some big food and hear a Christmas devotion!





30-Hour Famine is coming!

When: Jan. 19-20

Where: Our very own youth in our very own church

Contact: Mike Krantz!

Look for phone calls, bulletin blurbs and announcements that direct you in how to participate! Mark this off on your calendar now, save these dates!

Looking ahead:

Senior High Ski/Board/Getaway/Retreat!

Can We Fit All of That in One Weekend?

Of course we can!

When: Feb. 8-10

Cost: to be announced

Where: Keystone

There will be limited space for this event due to our planned accommodations. So watch for the sign-up coming in December and get your name on it right away! If you do not snowboard or ski, should you come? OF COURSE! Either we will give you lessons... wait, Mike Krantz will give you lessons or we will find other things to keep us occupied while the others go and brave the elements! Evenings will be retreat time! Topic? Hmm... well you will just have to come and be surprised! It will prove to be as fun as fall retreat and I promise it will be better FOOD! Look for signup in December!



Revolve Tour For Girls!

Coming to Denver Coliseum Feb. 15-16!

Look for details on the youth board beginning in December!

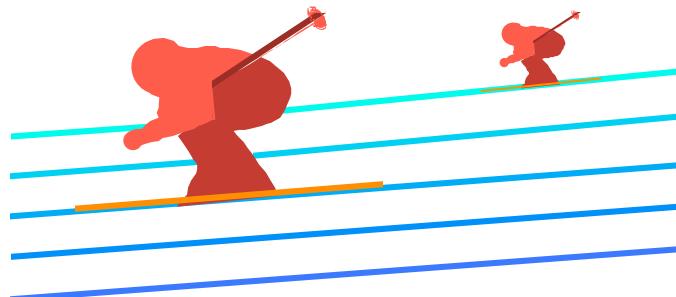
Eighth-Grade Retreat!

When: Feb 29- Mar 1

Look for more details to come in December on the youth board!

NO YOUTH COMMITTEE MEETING IN DECEMBER!

Please make a note of this on your calendar: the next meeting will be Tuesday Jan. 8!



Rehearsals Being for WNL

"PRAISE ROCKS" Musical

☛ When: Wednesday Jan. 9

☛ Time: 6-7pm

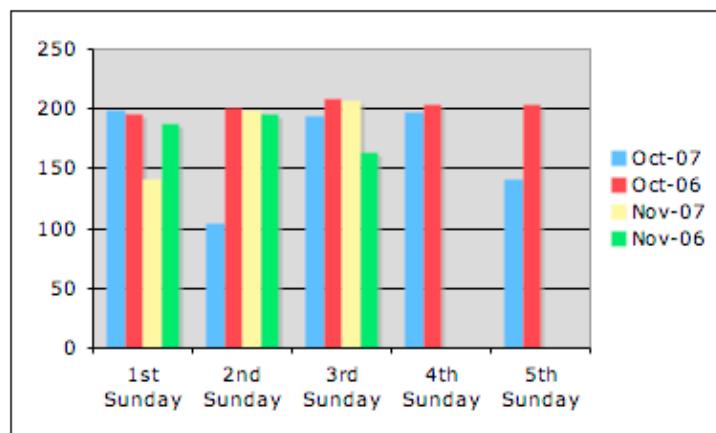
☛ Wednesday nights through the month of March with production dates April 12-13!

☛ Auditions will begin on Wednesday Jan. 9

Sunday School Attendance

Attendance

	Oct-07	Oct-06
1st Sunday	198	196
2nd Sunday	104	201
3rd Sunday	194	208
4th Sunday	197	203
5th Sunday	141	203
	Nov-07	Nov-06
1st Sunday	141	188
2nd Sunday	198	196
3rd Sunday	206	163
4th Sunday	No SS	NO ss





December Birthdays!

December 1 Charles Herring
Shauna Bladt
December 2 Betsy Byrne
Curt Musfeldt
Aaron Praska
December 3 Judy Conradson
Tony Hassa
Greg Vaughn
Casey Criswell
Ben Gomez
Steve Hansen
Tom Hansen
Mat Cirbo
December 4 Dave Koehler
December 5 Sylvia Uecker
Shannon Stewart

December 6 Dee Lien
Jeff Bonds
December 7 Katlin Kovets
Kara Kovets
December 8 Dave Enders
Pam Lind
December 9 Lucille Mullen
Judy Heller
Sue McCormick
Anita Willson
Doug Inskeep
Ethan Bowers
December 10 Donna Wormke
Brian Greene
December 11 Jeff Bladt
Monica Peeples
Travis Hunting

December 13 Greg Harms
Gena Steele
December 14 Diane Elwood
Scott Francis
Nathan Wait
December 15 Joyce Heimbichner
Sharon Kaiser
Dianna Buckett
December 16 Ron Parsons
Marcus Cardenas
Breanna Unger
December 17 Marci Rothe
Sandor Demosthenes
Ryan Platt
December 18 Paula Moore
December 19 Patti Harms
December 20 Brad Davis
December 21 Carole Freeman
Chris Smith
December 24 Veta Hartman
Horst Hennig
December 25 Jesus Christ
December 26 Martha Van Gent
Len Rozek
Hilary Smallwood
December 28 Mary Hyder
Larry Cirbo
Brody Rothe
December 29 Curt Lewis
Corinne Wetzell
December 30 Joan Schnell
December 31 James Mower
Colton Vece

January Birthdays!

January 1 Brad Steele
Leslie Raymond
Lisa Smith
Roman Krafczyk
Shannon Lovell
Corey Bruns
January 3 Emily Matthias
Roger Rankin
Gordy Wallace
Tom Kramer
January 4 Pat Sharp
Chuck Carlson
Nicholas Boggess
January 5 Andy Mason
January 6 Bob Alm
Mary Smith
January 7 Karla Irvin
Jeff Stamp
Ryan Carson
Rygell Hubert

January 8 Holly Lehnert
Matthew Smith
January 9 Phyllis Holst
Kylee Mendez
January 10 Gary Adams
Jake Carstens
Michael Chaney
January 11 Nathan Schemmel
Jason Irvin
Madelyn Thoman
January 12 Mary Konicek
Imelda Goderstad
January 13 Miguel Mendez
Angie McDermid
January 14 Denise Lauerman
Amy Magyar
Elizabeth Simpson
Travis Parsons

January 16 Nick Lehnert
Scott Musser
Mark Johnson
January 17 Kaydene Hubert
Christian Ney
January 18 Joan Kallas
Wilberta Fagler
Pam Nelson
David Brown
Zach Myers
Graham Harms
January 19 Don Lee
Ruth Lerum
Grace Demmel
January 20 Bill Raymond
Claire Danos
January 21 Tony Schaff
January 22 Mike Marshall
Kathy Droege
Marissa Ciccone
January 23 Joel Schell
Peggy Criswell
Bob Goings
Joseph Jedrzejewski
January 24 Bob Knapp
Amanda Platt
January 25 Evelyn Weston
Denise Parsons
January 26 McKenna Inskeep
January 27 Rob Baltrum
January 28 Mike Smith
Amanda Endres
Raegan Courtemanche
January 29 Jason Olson
January 30 Chris Desizlets
Ty Tatham
Carly Hopp
Johnny Mercer
Nicholas Knutson
January 31 Jack Peeples



God's spirit is on me. He chose me to preach the message of Good News to the poor, sent me to announce the pardon of prisoners and recovery of sight to the blind, to set the burdened and battered free, to announce, "This is God's year to act!" Luke 4:18-19

Catch the Spirit!

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Our Council Members and Church Staff are always available to listen to the ideas and concerns of our members. Your input is invaluable in aiding the leadership of Faith Community Lutheran in determining the direction we should go in fulfilling God's mission for us. We welcome you to take part and share your vision.

- Council minutes are public record and kept in the Church Office.
- Council meets the second Tuesday of every month at 8pm. Meetings are open to the congregation.
- If you would like to be involved in any of the ministries listed above, contact the ministry chair.

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Our Vision

*In each of us burns a flame
so we gather in faith and
hope to reach out in love.*



Our Core Values

**To "Reach Out in Love"
as a church that is:**

- * Bible-centered
- * Prayer-centered
- * Worship-centered with blended styles of music
- * Kid-Friendly
- * Visitor-Friendly
- * A Model of the Priesthood of Believers
- * A Model of "First Fruits Giving" (to various outreach projects)